

For Immediate ReleaseStudent Academic Materials FeeQUÉBEC PROVINCIAL COURT RULES IN CONCORDIA'S FAVOUR

MONTREAL / May 8, 1987 --- The Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court has dismissed with costs a suit submitted by student Bettina Rosenberg, who claimed a refund for an academic materials fee which she paid to Concordia University.

In his judgment, Judge Michel Desmarais ruled that in signing her student contract the student agreed to abide by all the terms and conditions of the University, including those found in the undergraduate calendar, and particularly the reserve of the right to change the published scale of fees without prior notice.

Judge Desmarais mentioned in the judgment that when the student signed the contract she accepted the conditions appearing in the undergraduate calendar.

Evidence presented at the hearing established that the student had paid her academic materials fee a few days before filing her claim, and that she had in fact received the type of material (photocopies, course outlines, etc...) covered by the academic materials fee. Furthermore, it was shown that following the resolution of the Board of Governors, which imposed a fee of \$3.50 per credit, the University properly notified its students to that effect.

The Court accordingly held that the action for reimbursement was not well-founded, because the payment in this case was not made as a result of an error of law or of fact.

Ms. Rosenberg's claim for a refund had the support of the Concordia University Students' Association (CUSA), which made representations to the Court in this case.

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